

TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN

**ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION AND
PARENTING PROGRAMS (APPP)**

Program Description:

The APPP programs provide services designed to prevent and reduce the incidence of teenage pregnancies. The programs include four components: 1) adolescent pregnancy prevention, 2) adolescent parent self-sufficiency, 3) pregnancy counseling and 4) adolescent resource parenting.

- The APPP programs are among several efforts to address pregnancy prevention. Another is the "The Wisconsin Plan to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancy," a comprehensive statewide plan, to reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies developed in collaboration with DHFS, DPI, United Way, State Medical Society, public health agencies, the faith community, local government, teens and parents statewide. This plan established goals and actions to prevent and reduce the incidence of adolescent pregnancies. The plan focuses on reducing pregnancy rates for females age 19 and under and emphasizes abstinence. Special areas of concern are subsequent pregnancies, child abuse and neglect, and sexual abuse/statutory rape.
- Effective January 1, 2001, the Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI) consolidates the funding for the four APPP programs with several other youth-related prevention and development funds. BFI is designed to foster coordination of local prevention efforts, reduce duplication of services and encourage the development of comprehensive prevention and development initiatives. Under BFI, the APPP funds will be awarded to Milwaukee, eight other counties selected based on youth risk data and Wisconsin Tribes.

Client Group Served:

The APPP programs support projects in Milwaukee and selected other counties designed to serve adolescent populations with significant pregnancy rates and numbers of teen parents.

The counties awarded APPP funds under BFI are developing comprehensive youth prevention service plans that will define specific populations and services. BFI places a strong emphasis on performance and one of the legislative benchmarks is to reduce the rate of non-marital pregnancy and promote abstinence to prevent non-marital pregnancy.

TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$1,800,000